

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

30 NOV. 1961
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Dominican Republic

- a) The general strike is still in effect but appears to be tapering off. Army chief General Rodriguez and opposition leader Fiallo were both in a highly agitated state yesterday when they called on our Consul but seemed to realize the dangers of letting the situation get out of hand.
- b) Considerable progress was made in the political negotiations yesterday but some points of disagreement still remain.
- c) The National Civic Union is now considering calling off the strike with or without a political agreement.

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2. Bloc treatment of
Adzhubey interview

Another Soviet newspaper, Soviet Army, has published Izvestiya's account of the interview. The Polish press has published a partial account, highlighting the President's assessment of US-USSR relations as unsatisfactory, the priority of the Berlin and German issue, the hope for early negotiations,

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3. **Libyan military elements
contemplate revolt
against King**

A group of officers loyal to General Lataiwish, who was ousted as chief of staff by the King on Wednesday, are in a defiant mood and are discussing plans for an uprising in support of the general. The plotters control some important military assets, but the King apparently has wind of their plans and, if the military take action, would probably turn his internal police organization, which is smaller but rated more effective, against them. In the event of a real crisis, the King would probably also call for support from the British military units stationed in Libya.

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4. **Indonesia speeding
military build-up**

a) Yesterday, Sukarno indicated to Ambassador Jones that he wants a "where do we go from here?" talk with him as soon as UN developments on West New Guinea are clear. Jones believes that if a political solution fails, military action is "well nigh inevitable."

b) Djakarta's military build-up is getting a big assist from the USSR's military training program and accelerated shipment of military equipment. Two Soviet submarines are scheduled for delivery early next month, another two in January-- this on top of substantial deliveries already made this year, including jet planes, small warships and weapons.

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c) An Indonesian military purchasing mission arrived in Washington yesterday seeking, among other things, surface-to-air missiles. [REDACTED]

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5. Syria prepares for elections

Extreme security measures are being taken throughout the country on the eve of tomorrow's elections to the constituent assembly. The borders were closed yesterday to prevent the entry of UAR agents seeking to disrupt the elections. The army is exerting its influence in favor of a moderately-inclined assembly, but with political parties banned and over 1800 candidates scrambling for 172 seats, the electoral outcome is bound to be a mixed bag. [REDACTED]

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6. Some European reactions
to Soviet-Finnish
situation

a)

[redacted] Khrushchev
has done no more than suspend his
demands for military conversations,
that he has already succeeded in
changing Finnish political picture,
and that he has made Finland a hostage
for the good behavior of the
Scandinavian countries.

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b) Our Embassy in Stockholm, sees
the Swedes as too optimistic over
Kekkonen's mission to the Soviet
Union and fears they may be ripe
for Soviet use as an unwitting
intermediary with the Danes and
Norwegians any time Khrushchev
chooses to squeeze Finland further.

c) Danish attention is focussing
on the relation between the Finnish
situation and the Baltic command pro-
posal. A typical press comment is
that Finland is being made into a
Soviet "watchdog" over the rest of
Scandinavia.

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NOTES

- A. Our consulate in Elizabethville reports that the situation there continues to be "electric," with tempers running very high on both sides.

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- C. The Chinese Communist foreign ministry yesterday issued a statement--the strongest yet from Peiping--saying that it "cannot remain indifferent" to US actions in South Vietnam. North Vietnam, meanwhile, is fanning out special envoys to a number of neutralists countries--India, Indonesia, and Cambodia so far--in a bid for support for its position vis-a-vis South Vietnam.

- D. The latest canvass of Latin American sentiment indicates that the 4 December OAS meeting will approve the proposal for a foreign ministers meeting on Cuba

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- E. The Moroccan government has given some indications--our Ambassador calls them "disquieting"--that it may press for a revision of its bases agreement with the US in the direction of earlier relinquishment than now scheduled.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--29 November

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

The Communists continue their pressure on the West's position in Berlin. Further harassments against Allied access rights may occur.

Viet Cong subversive and military activity continues at a high rate, with no indication that the South Vietnamese Government can effectively reverse the trend in the near future.

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